

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 1a through 1c, 3, and 5 are being presented as sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. Figures 1a, 3, and 5 have been amended. Appended to this amendment is an annotated copy of the previous drawing sheets which have been marked to show the changes presented in the replacement sheets of the drawings.

The specific change which has been made to Figure 1 is the addition of a leader line between reference numeral "7" and the stopping limit.

The specific change which has been made to Figure 3 is the additions of reference numeral "25" and its leader line.

The specific change which has been made to Figure 5 is the second occurrence of reference numeral "43" was changed to "45".

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 10-18 are now pending in this application.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to the claims.

Specification and Drawings

The specification and drawings have been objected to for various informalities.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because “(FIG. 5)” should be deleted and the abstract should be one paragraph. The abstract has been amended to correct these minor informalities.

The specification is objected to because “Pinhold mirror 25” should be “Pinhold mirror 35 on page 9, line 21. The specification has been amended to correct this minor informality.

The drawings are objected to because FIG. 3 does not include reference numeral 25 and FIG. 1 includes reference 7 which does not refer to any particular component. These figures have been amended to correct these minor informalities.

For at least these reasons, favorable reconsideration of the objections to the specification and drawings is respectfully requested.

Objection to claim 6

Claim 6 has been objected to because “the second socket’ lacks antecedent basis. Claim 6 has been canceled, which renders this objection moot. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 based on McMurtry

Claims 1, 2, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0122178 (“McMurtry”). Also, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMurtry in view of U.S. Patent 1,393,675 (“Doe”). Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 have been cancelled which renders these rejections moot. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Allowability of claims 10-18

New claims 10-18 are being added and are believed to be allowable for at least the following reasons. First, independent claim 10 parallels claim 3, which the PTO has indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 11-16 depend from and contain all the limitations of claim 10, and are allowable therewith for at least the same reasons as claim 10 without regard to the further patentable limitations contained therein. Claim 17 parallels claim 9, which the PTO has indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 18 depends from and contains all the limitations of claim 17, and is allowable therewith for at least the same reasons as claim 17 without regard to the further patentable limitations contained therein. For at least these reasons, claims 10-18 are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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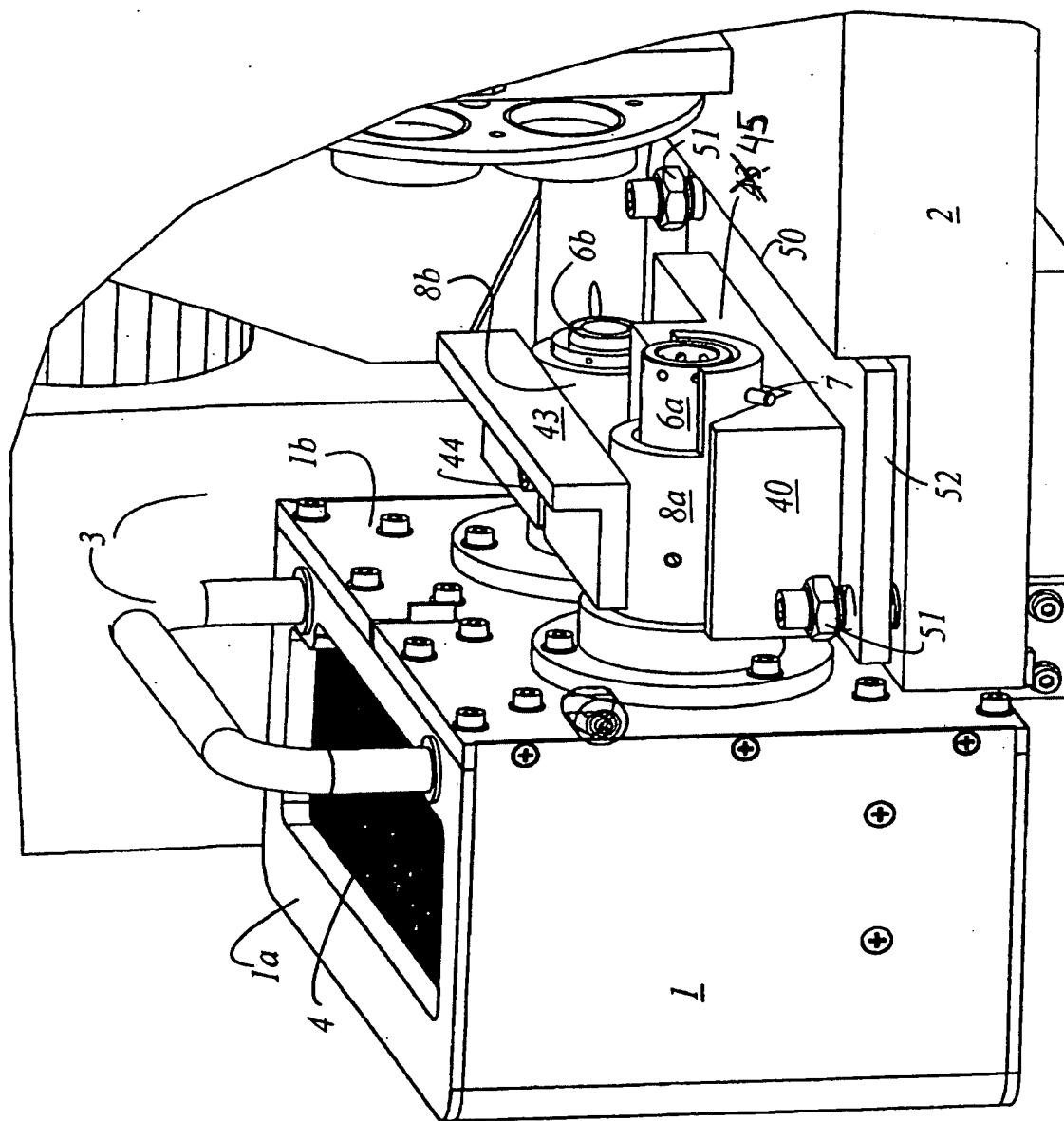


Fig. 5

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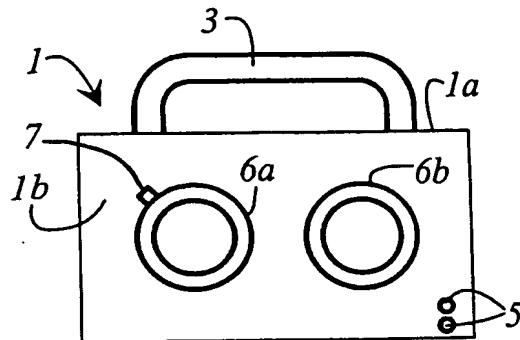


Fig. 1a

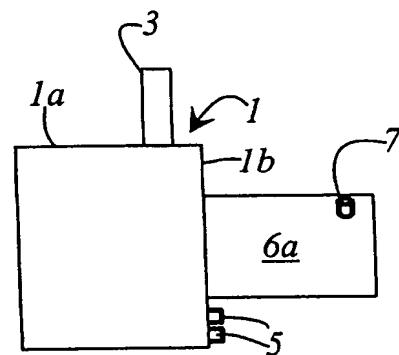


Fig. 1b

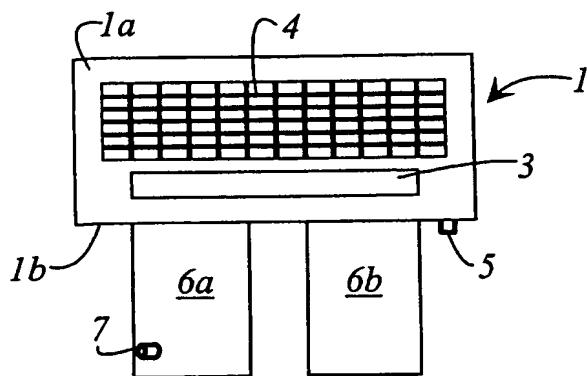


Fig. 1c